

(Warren, OH) – Today, Congressman Ryan (OH-17) announced nearly \$300,000 in grants for Ohio's 17th District through the Assistance to Firefighters Grants program of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Department of Homeland Security. Recipients of the grant are: the City of Warren Fire Department (\$214,020), the Palmyra Township Fire Department (\$55,955), and the Springfield Township Fire Department (\$25,560).

“This is great news for our district,” stated Congressman Ryan. **“By ensuring the health and safety of our firefighters and first responders, we are in turn ensuring the health and safety of our constituents. I’m very pleased with the results of this program funding round, but I will continue to work hard to obtain additional federal funding for our local governments who are struggling to provide necessary resources for the brave men and women in our fire and police departments.”**

Warren Mayor Michael O’Brien added that **“This grant will provide necessary equipment and training for our firefighters that otherwise we would not have been able to purchase, due to a declining income tax base. Congressman Ryan has again successfully directed federal funds to fill in the financial gaps experienced by the City of Warren and similar communities in this difficult economic climate.”**

The Assistance to Firefighters Grants program awards grants directly to fire departments and EMS organizations to enhance their ability to protect the health and safety of the public – as well as that of the first-responder personnel. Since 2001, the program has provided approximately \$4 billion in grants for the purchase of emergency response equipment, personal protective equipment, firefighting and emergency vehicles, and training.

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